IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Atty. Dkt. 4062-12 Washington, DC 20231J1131 U.S. PTO Date: December 21, 2001 Sir: This is a request for filing alack PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DIMETHYL CUMENES without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration. This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers: Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract 17 pages of specification and claims (including 18 numbered claims), and sheets of accompanying drawing/s. Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned. Attached is a Power of Attorney. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications: **Application Number** Country Day/Month/Year Filed , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application... Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached. Certified copy(ies) filed on in prior application no. Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a [continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. , the entire content of , filed which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency. The prior application is assigned to It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required. Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached. Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee: Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Information Request; Information Disclosure Statement; Info Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other: **PATRA** Indian Inventor: Chitta Ranjan (first) MI (last) (citizenship) Residence: (city) Maharashtra (state/country) India Mailing Address: c/o National Chemical Laboratory, Pune 411 008, Maharashtra, India (Zip Code) 411 008 2. **KUMAR** Indian Inventor: Rajiv (first) (last) (citizenship) Residence: (city) (state/country) India Maharashtra c/o National Chemical Laboratory, Pune 411 008, Maharashtra, India Mailing Address: (Zip Code) 411 008 See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!! Address all future communications to NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor **NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.** Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: Larry S. Nixon, Reg. No. 25,640 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 LSN:ecb

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